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1. Antonio TRIGO, who represented the Partido Socialista Obrero Español (Spanish Socialist Party) inside Spain at the signing in France of the Monarchist-Socialist agreement and was designated by Indalecio PRIETO to take charge of Party matters in the interior, received a letter in early January 1949 ordering him to break relations with the Alianza Nacional de Fuerzas Democraticas. Source commented that in view of the predominant part played by the Socialists in the ANFD in recent months, and further in view of the fact that PRIETO himself edited the manifesto issued by the ANFD, the severing of relations with the ANFD was very surprising. Comment. A translation of the ANFD manifesto was attached to The letter directing the move reportedly was signed by Rodolfo LLOPIS, Secretary of the PSOE.
2. Jose M. LEIVA of the Confederacion Nacional del Trabajo stated about mid-January that Pascual PARICIO, President of the ANFD, had made a secret trip to France around the first of the year (Comment. PARICIO'S presence in France was confirmed from other sources.). According to LEIVA, PARICIO asked PRIETO in the name of the ANFD to give him documents relating to the conversations and negotiations with the Monarchists, a request which PRIETO categorically denied in a rude manner. LEIVA commented that even the Socialist Party knew nothing of the negotiations, which he described as the "secret" of the Special Committee named by the PSOE to conduct them.
3. The position of Rodolfo LLOPIS was stated about mid-December substantially as follows:

"PRIETO recently has sought to involve the Executive Committee of our Party, and specifically me, in his negotiations. However, I have told him repeatedly that the activity of the Special Commission is independent of the Executive Committee and that even if as individuals we are all willing to help him, the Commission must eventually answer to the Congress of the Party.

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"PRIETO is a republican. I have many letters from him reflecting his sincere republican convictions. He has no confidence in the political capacity of Trifon GOMEZ. Therefore he wants me to take part in the work of the Liaison Committee. My chief concern is that PRIETO'S errors shall not impair the prestige of our political group. My record of Party loyalty gives me authority to advise him and to show him that the Monarchists may deceive him.

"Today it is the duty of the Socialist Party to support the negotiations of PRIETO and it does support them, but we must not lose sight of the loyalty and support that we owe to forces and groups which have not supported them."

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